

REMARKS

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated May 25, 2004 in which the Examiner agrees that claims 37-44 have allowable subject matter but rejects all other pending claims as either being anticipated by, or being obvious over, Weinstein et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2001/0026609 A1).

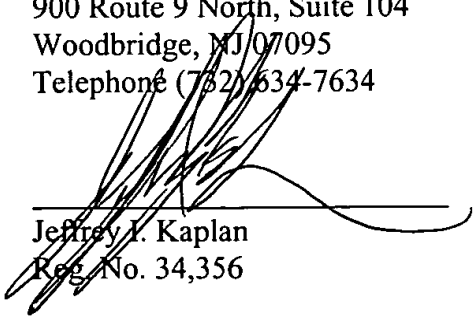
Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 16, 32 and 36 to include all the limitations recited in their respective dependent claims 37-44 which are deemed by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter. Claims 37-44 are cancelled. Amended independent claims 1, 16, 32 and 36 are believed to be in good condition and form for allowance. At least for the same reasons, dependent claims 2-6, 8-15, 17-31 and 33-35 are also allowable for being dependent on one of the four independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims in view of the amendments. The Examiner is authorized to charge any shortages or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

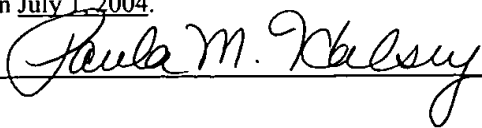
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